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09/24/2013 Minutes

VIS ION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TAS K GROUP RESERVOIR~COMMITTEE September 24,~2013 Minutes – Approved 11/19/13

In attendance: Lisa Fredman, Martine Gougault, Jane Howard, Rachel James, Elizabeth Karpati, Stephan Miller, David White.
Facilitator:~ David White Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

2013 meetings:~ 7:30 p.m. Nov 19.~ Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.
- **Town Day** ~ The herbal sachets were a big success and should be repeated next year.~ We approved up to \$175 to reimburse Martine for the materials.
- **Garden Plants** - We also approved up to \$70 for native honeysuckles for the garden.
- **Signage** - For next year we will get “Maintained by,...” signs made by DPW for the garden and the parking lot “island”.
- **Work days** ~ A few people participated on Sept. 14.~ They moved some plants but it is too late to move grasses; they will have to wait until early spring. The next work day is scheduled for next **Saturday, Sept. 24**, to spread wood chips supplied by DPW on the trail around the Res with the help of the AHS track team, and to cut invasives.
- **“Island” Project** - Stephan recommended a nursery from which we could order plugs of native plants for the “island” next spring for \$112 for a tray of 38.~ They would need to be watered.~ DPW could be asked to put a spigot in the garden water line closer to the island.
- **Plantings** - We will plant three witch hazels along the path from the parking lot to the garden, to replace trees planted after the dam project which died.~ Martine will order the trees (expected to cost \$195 each unless a discount is available by ordering through the Town).~ We approved up to \$600 for the trees.~ Martine will communicate with the DPW.~
- **Fundraising** - Creating and selling postcards of the Res as a fundraiser was suggested. This would be a project for the winter months.

9. **Water chestnuts** ~ Not all of the plants were harvested for some unknown reasons. No official report is available as yet.~ Hand harvesting may be needed in the future earlier in the season.~ MyRWA who has experience with this could be asked for help.